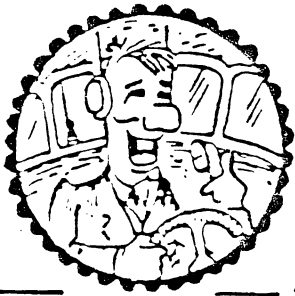


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The

BLURB

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High Water...



NOTHING WILL KEEP THE
PHILMONTER FROM HIS ANTENNA
RAISING TIME!

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PHILMONT CLUB NETS

Net Control Chairman: Howard Trout, W3IGW

Nets are conducted weekly as listed below. All amateurs are invited to check-in, members or non-members alike, with or without traffic. The nets are informal with net control stations serving on a rotating basis.

All Nets Sunday 10 meters (29.493 MHz) 1000 hrs; 75 meters (3993 kHz) SSB 1020 hrs;
80 meters CW (3610 kHz) 1030 hrs;
2 meters FM (147.63/03 via W3QV/R) 0930 hrs.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

In the English language we have a most interesting word, Pride. In today's society, the thing that is most lacking is Pride. 20 years ago, when I got my amateur radio license, I was proud! Proud because I had worked hard for it; because it made me a member of a select group of people; proud because I had wanted it for a long time.

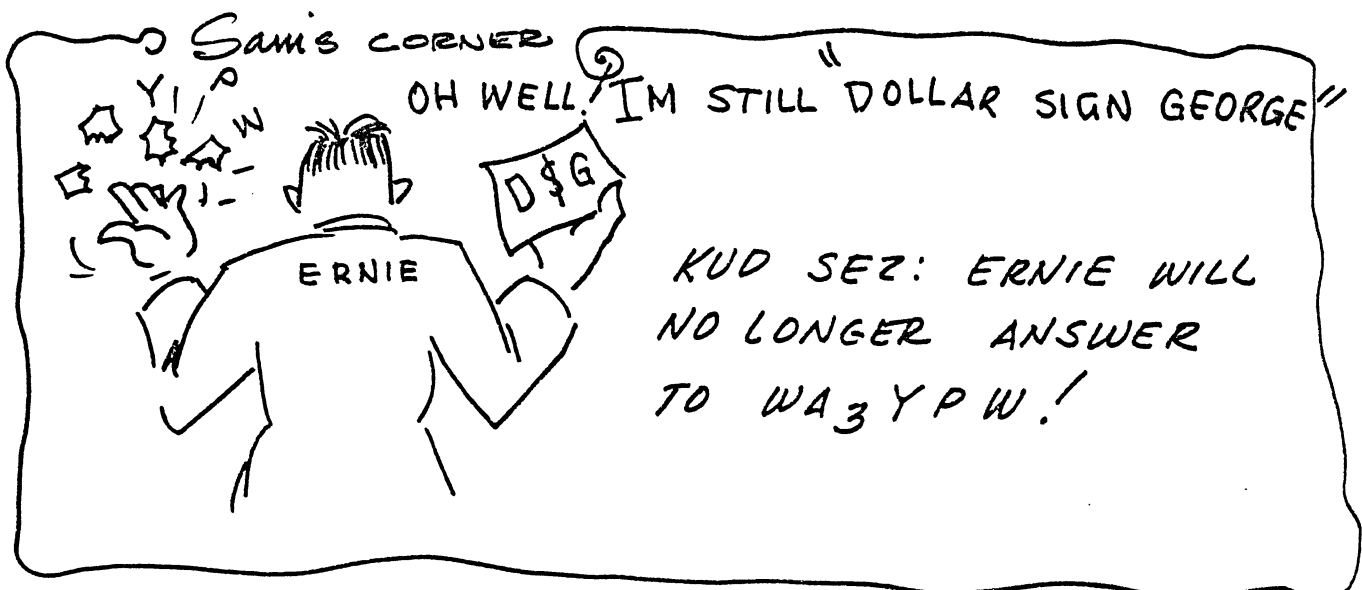
The pride in having the license extended to mean pride in how I used the privilege it gave me. In how I dealt with others who attained the same goal -- in this country, and in others. I wanted my DX contacts to know that I was interested in them, not just RST, QSL pls, tnx!

When I was accepted by Philmont, my "pride bubble" was close to bursting, and I worked hard to merit the club's acceptance. Being a Philmonter was a big deal, and I wanted to be worthy of the club's faith in me. Now I see people who join at will, who have no interest in, or respect for, the Philmonter's feeling of pride. These people are not Philmonters, contribute nothing but a few dollars, and destroy what Philmont really stands for.

If you belong to Philmont, good. If you are a Philmonter, ready to subjugate some of your feelings to the greater good of the Club, we welcome you, accept you, and need you.

I am still proud to be a Philmonter, and proud of the real hams I have met through the club. I really don't care much for the others.

de K3KUD



Well it's time for me to beat the drum again about upgrading. Although I never wrote an article about it, I probably have said a few thousand words on the air.

Last month's "Tell it Like it is" by W3RM shows there are still a few Philmonter's with Technician and General tickets; also there are no Novices. I feel this confirms my belief that some of us are too complacent with the convenience of two-meter repeater operation.

At a recent Board of Directors meeting it was suggested Philmont run a "Ham School". I don't think that is possible, but I do believe we can start theory study groups of various license classes within the club. Notice I said "theory". We already have the best code class in the area run by AK2I on Tuesday night.

Many of us have been fortunate enough to attend the Ridley Learning Enrichment Program run by Art Smith, N3DR. Those who have know what a massive undertaking that program entails. We can have access to the special study material, provided by Art Smith, for the asking. The rest is up to us.

First there are certain basic rules to abide by:

1. If your upgrade requires code, you must study on your own, with the exception of Novice. You are not required to send, so copy, copy, copy!
2. Don't be afraid to go "downtown" and take the test. It won't cost anything but time. I am convinced that many people don't go because they might feel embarrassed if they don't pass.
3. Be prepared! Get new copies of all the study material. If you're taking Advanced or Extra, get a slide rule or scientific calculator.

I am thoroughly convinced that anyone can upgrade his or her license if desired. If you are interested, get in touch with me and if there is enough interest, we'll get started right away. We have many qualified members who can get that Novice started or that old "G" on the "A" team.

de WB3CMM

AND THE GOOD NEWS IS.....

We are happy to announce that the results of the 1979 Amateur Radio News Service Publication Contest have been received and the Contest Committee has judged the BLURB "Outstanding", and awarded a certificate to that effect.

The judging was based on three issues submitted by Ye Olde Ed and award categories ranged from "Good" to "Outstanding". The Committee's comments, included in the letter which forwarded the certificate, especially noted our front covers, with July (color) getting particular mention. Also noted were the cartoons, humor, general interest and variety of articles.

We thank the ARNS Contest Committee, and we thank the BLURB Staff, particularly Our Intrepid Artist. The BLURB really is the result of the dedicated involvement of a great group of Philmonters.

PHILMONT CALENDAR FOR MARCH

March 3 General Meeting, Franklin Institute, 8:00 P.M.
March 17 St. Patrick's Day
March 19 Director's Meeting, K3PHC/2; 8:00 P.M.
March 20 Vernal Equinox (Spring has sprung!)
March 30 Palm Sunday
March 31 BLURB folding, W3BBB, 7:15 P.M.

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MEETING REPORTS

January Director's Meeting: Held at the home of Jim and Elaine Spencer, the meeting had a total attendance of 18 members and Directors. In addition to the Minutes and Treasurer's Report, the following items of business were covered:

1. The Budget/Audit Committee presented a report and the 1980 Budget.
2. At the suggestion of W3IGW, a procedure for an annual prize-drawing, based on meeting attendance, will be investigated.
3. The Repeater Committee will consider the desirability and feasibility of installing ancillary services on W3QV/R. These could include RTTY and ATV.
4. There was discussion of the possibility of instituting radio instruction classes within the club, but the idea was shelved due to the fact that several excellent instructional classes are presently available in the area.
5. Bob DiPasquale, WB3KAB, brought up the subject of an incident which occurred recently on the repeater and which he felt should come to the attention of the Directors. The matter was thoroughly discussed and with the concurrence of all concerned, is now considered closed.

Our thanks to Jim and Elaine for their hospitality, and to Princess who made every effort to consume sufficient snacks to prevent overeating by the attendees.

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February General Meeting: Held on February 4 with 57 members and 16 visitors present. After a reading of the Minutes and the Treasurer's Report, the following committee reports were heard:

BLURB - K3KUD reported that the ARNS Contest Committee had judged the BLURB an "outstanding" publication.

Repeater - W3BBB discussed the recent outage, caused by the failure of a trimmer-coupler. Repairs have been completed by K3GNM. The repeater had run 4077 hours without incident prior to this problem.

Olympic Torch Run - W3UY reported that all went well in our area of responsibility. Philmonters assisting in this project were K3CT, W3SRU, WB3KOJ, W3LKI, W3UY, WB2WOM, WB3CMM, K3PHC, WB3BOD, WB3AIS, KB3CT and KA3BEU.

The program for the evening was on the subject of SSTV, presented by WB3KAB and WB3KOJ. Bob and Don, who are relative newcomers to the phase of amateur radio, did an excellent job of describing basic techniques and procedures, equipment, costs and problems. Their demonstration tapes were excellent and amusing. Our thanks for a timely and enjoyable program.

PHILMONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB, INC.

1980 BUDGET

INCOME

DUES	\$1900.00
PRIZE DRAWINGS	700.00
SPECIAL EVENTS	1100.00
MISC. INCOME	150.00
SURPLUS - 1979	<u>63.77</u>
	\$3913.77

EXPENSES

PRIZES	\$ 550.00
SPECIAL EVENTS	1200.00
REPEATER	350.00
FLOWERS	75.00
BLURB	525.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	850.00
MISC. EXPENSES	150.00
COMM. VAN MAINTENANCE	175.00
ANTICIPATED SURPLUS	<u>38.77</u>
	\$3913.77

G. B. Weed, W3KN

Chairman, Budget Committee

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Name: Edward M~~a~~arsky, ~~KA3AMP~~
Address: 15 Poe Ave.
Wyncote, PA 19095
Wife's Name: Sharon (no call)
Occupation: Salesman
Employer: Custom Distributors
Phone: (H) 887-4360 (B) 546-7122
Sponsors: WB3KOJ; N3ADI

Handle: Ed

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Name: Gale Clegg, KA3EDR
Address: 1801 JFK Blvd, 2105
Phila., PA 19103
Husband's Name: Eric (KA3EEL)
Occupation: Teacher
Employer: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Phone: (H) 568-6417 (B) 238-7530
Sponsors: W3IRS; W3VVS

Handle: Gale

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Name: Eric Clegg, KA3EEL
Address: 1801 JFK Blvd, 2105
Phila., PA 19103
Wife's Name: Gale (KA3EDR)
Occupation: Optacon Instructor
Employer: Self
Phone: (H) 568-6417 (B) same
Sponsors: W3IRS; W3VVS

Handle: Eric

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Name: Bonnie Fellman, WB3GBN
Address: 6601 Oakland Ave.
Phila., PA 19149
Occupation: Secretary
Employer: Universal Record Distributing Co.
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Sponsors: WB3CFE; WB3KOJ

Handle: Bonnie

Action on the applications will be taken at the March Directors Meeting.

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SILENT KEY

John A. Stanton, WA3ZZX
Jan. 14, 1980

BARGAIN PAGE

For Sale

Radio Shack Model 15-1133 Mast mounted TV amp 75 ohm	\$15.00
Motorola Pageboy Pocket Rcvr 147 mhz Carrier squelch	40.00
INQUE FDFM-2, 6 chan xtal 2 mtr Transceiver, w/PS	90.00
Johnson Messenger 29493 mhz	20.00
Lambda LMD 12, 10 amp regulated supply	35.00
EBC Jr. 30 wts out 2 mtr synthesized rig with scanning	200.00
Pioneer KP 292 Cassette car stereo newarl	75.00
Heath GD 112 Hands free telephone system	40.00
C3 Condenser checker	5.00
FMO-1 FM Oscillator	10.00
CT-1 Capacitester	5.00
VC-3 Scope calibrator	5.00
IC-2008A Calculator	20.00
Clegg FM 27B 30 wt synthesized 2 mtr rig	170.00

FREE to anyone who will use them:

RCA 31302 rack mounted rcvr on 147.03 w/PS
RCA 31202 rack mounted rcvr on 39.18 w/PS
RCA CMV-2 6 mtr FM on 52.525 and KUR rprr - 110 v ac
Motorola T43 - 20 wts out mobile rig on 147.03 mhz

Contact: Jim Spencer, W3BBB
884-8469

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For Sale:

Heath HW32-a w/ac P/S; Microphone; Manual

Contact: Al Bonck, N3JB
822-2750

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Wanted:

HG-10 VFO (for DX-60). This is a new ham, just getting started and your help will be appreciated.

Contact: K3KUD or
Charles Helverson,
KA3EHL
464-0153

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JAPANESE PARTS

While we don't normally list companies in our BLURB, it is known that on occasion amateurs find it very difficult to find a part for a unit. Recently a catalog was received which lists Japanese radio parts of all kinds using the original numbers. If you are interested, here is the address: Fuji-Svea, Inc. (East) P.O. Box 40324, Cincinnati, OH 45240 and Fuji-West, Inc., P.O. Box 3375, Torrance, CA 90510.

ARNS Bulletin

TID-BITS

Things we see and hear:

Woody, W3PST, in the Reading Terminal, with a book on HO train equipment under his arm. If you think it will help, try it!

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Patty Gilpin, our Blurb typist, working 60 hours a week and still getting the Blurb typed. Our thanks, and fie on those who criticize!

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If W3QV/R could be remotely operated from the big hamshack in the sky, our repeater would be off the air more than it's on.

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Recently, operating in a flood situation, a RACES operator noted that the river was too big for its bridges.

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Congratulations to Pat, WB3EKK, who finally checked into the Sunday 2-meter net when "D to F" was called.

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Charlie, W3ZPP, who moved from the bedroom to the cellar with his ham shack, is moving back to the bedroom. Way to go, Charlie!

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The Dayton Hamvention seems to have lost a lot of its thrill for Philmonters. Too bad that what the hams handled well, the City Fathers goofed up!

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Arnie, WB2LGY, is now the proud owner of a boat (ship, vessel, scow, tub). Please follow the day marks while sailing near Long Beach Island!

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Sam K, Our Intrepid Artist, keeps promising to visit 6th & Market. Do it, Sam!

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According to a recent newspaper article, CB radio sales are off 80%. CB'ers are off 100%!

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Thefts of radio equipment from motor vehicles have dropped 70% in the last year. It probably is more profitable to steal gasoline!

REPEATER QUIZ

1. The proper way to enter into a QSO on a repeater is to:
 - a) say "breaker oh-three".
 - b) just say, "break".
 - c) insert your call during a pause.
 - d) just talk over the other guy; you're at a base station anyway.
2. The main purpose of a repeater is:
 - a) to keep technical types on their toes.
 - b) to enhance the range of mobile stations.
 - c) to provide a soap box for long, one-sided monologs.
 - d) to allow non-amateur housewives to keep track of their wandering husbands, or anyone else for that matter.
3. One of the most important uses of a repeater is to:
 - a) provide good mobile-to-mobile communications when driving adjacent to each other on the expressway.
 - b) enhance the range of base stations located less than three blocks from each other.
 - c) extend the range of mobile and low power portable stations.
 - d) none of the above.
4. You should sign your call letters:
 - a) any time the spirit moves you.
 - b) after every other word.
 - c) at the beginning and end of each transmission.
 - d) once coming on and once leaving the frequency, and once every ten minutes.
5. You are required to mention at least one of the call letters of the stations with whom you have been talking:
 - a) at the beginning and end of each exchange.
 - b) at the beginning and end of a series of transmissions, and once each ten minutes during the exchange.
 - c) only at the end of a series of transmissions, when signing off.
 - d) none of the above.
6. It is permissible to sign off W3XXX signing off":
 - a) when you can't remember the call(s) of the station(s) with whom you are talking.
 - b) after making an autopatch call.
 - c) after calling another station and hearing no response.
 - d) none of the above.
7. Repeaters:
 - a) don't cost anything to operate as everything is donated.
 - b) cost a bundle, but are paid for by a small group of wealthy amateurs and supporters.
 - c) cost a bundle and are financed by club member dues.

8. When you talk to a regular user of the repeater who is not a member of the club, you should:

- a) Tell them they are deadbeats and refuse to talk to them.
- b) Notify the control operator to turn off the repeater.
- c) Try to find out if they understand how the club/repeater operates and invite them to participate.
- d) Try to embarrass them into leaving.

via ARNS Bulletin.

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE (W3IGW)

	(W3AWH) <u>80-meters*</u>	(W3GIF) <u>10-meters**</u>	(W3SRU) <u>2-meters***</u>
<u>March</u>			
2	W3PWG	KB3CT	W3WXC
9	W3AOA	W3GIF	W3AWG
16	W3SGR	WB3KUR	W3PST
23	AK2I	W3KDO	W3ZPP
30	W3AWH	WB3CMM	W3BBB
<u>April</u>			
5	W3PWG	KB3CT	W3IGW
12	W3AOA	W3GIF	WB3CMM
19	W3SGR	WB3KUR	W3SRU
26	AK2I	W3KDO	K3PHC

75-meter SSB Net: 3993 KHz; 10:20-10:35 A.M. Net Controls as shown.

*80-meter CW Net: 3610 KHz; 10:30 A.M. Net Control N3WW; Alternates: W3RM; AK2I

**10-meter AM Net: 29.493 MHz; 10:00-10:15 A.M. Net Control K3GBA; Alternate K3HIE
10-meter SSB Net: 29.493 MHz; 10:15-10:30 A.M. Net Controls as shown.

2-meter FM Net: 147.63/03 (W3QV/R); 9:30-10:15 A.M. Net Controls as shown

***2-meter Code Practice Net: 147.63/03 (W3QV/R); Tuesdays 8:00-9:00 P.M. Net Control AK2I

Club calling period: 147.63/03 (W3QV/R); Every evening 7:00-7:05 P.M.

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